

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. F-7-143

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other Foreman House

2. Location

street and number 9503 Fingerboard Road

not for publication

city, town Ijamsville

vicinity

county Frederick

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hassanein, Hwaida, et al

street and number 9503 Fingerboard Road (address of record; also see below)

telephone 301-515-3270

city, town Ijamsville

state MD

zip code 21754-9413

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 6150 folio 37

city, town Frederick

tax map 96

tax parcel 127

tax ID number Dist 7 -195443

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

Mail correspondence to: Hwaida Hassanein, et al, Kid's Villa Learning Center LLC, 19900 Brandermill Rd, Germantown, MD 20876

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

The three bay wide, two-and-a-half story frame dwelling is sited along Fingerboard Road, aka Rt. 80, a rapidly developing corridor between New Market and Urbana, near the Centerville Survey District (F-7-38), a cluster of homes associated with the African-American community. This simple, T-shaped home has been modernized and then the interior stripped, as if it was to be renovated, compromising the architectural integrity of the approximately 100-year old dwelling.

Context/Setting:

Fingerboard Road, aka Rt. 80, is a rapidly developing corridor between New Market and Urbana, where commuters can get onto Rt. 270 and head toward the Washington area. Immediately across the road from the dwelling at 9503 Fingerboard Rd. is a new elementary school and the Centerville Recreation Center, and just to the south is a large farm field and, further on, the Urbana Middle School. To the NE, there was a cluster of homes (9527-9545 Fingerboard Rd.) associated with the African-American community, surveyed under the title Centerville Survey District, but some of these structures have been demolished since the survey was undertaken in 1993. The gas line crosses the rear of the property.

Description:

The three bay wide, two-and-a-half story frame dwelling has the overall form and 2/2 windows of a turn of the 20th century structure¹, but the house was modernized, so many clues to dating its construction have been removed. Although the lot is deep, this house, like many of its neighbors just to the north in the Centerville Survey District, is set close to Fingerboard Road, aka Rt. 80, at the SW corner of the lot. A tall hedgerow provides screening across the front of the lot, and the gravel driveway is overgrown with weeds. The house was T-shaped in floor plan, and the SE corner later filled with a two-story addition. There are two outbuildings to the rear, both concrete block, covered with siding: a square workshop (11'x 11') with an overhanging hipped roof located close to the house and a garage-size shed further back. The young woods beyond the outbuildings imply that earlier in the 20th century the rear of the parcel was cleared.

The original German, or shiplap, siding was covered with modern vinyl siding with aluminum trim. Portions of the wood siding can be seen within the SE corner infill. A concrete landing with wrought iron railing has a side entrance in front of the main door. The wood and glass front door is 20th century; it has three lower horizontal panels and the upper light is divided by wooden muntins. The wood windows are 2/2, and most are covered with aluminum storm sash.

The foundation is concrete block, partially parged. On the north side, a small window, now covered, once provided light into the basement below the front portion of the house, and an exterior brick bulkhead with wooden doors leads down to the basement. The foundation of the SE infill addition is poured concrete.

The back doors, one leading into the kitchen from the small, wooden, entry porch on the north side of the ell, and the other on the south side opening into the mudroom, are wood with three panels below and four panes of glass above, protected with aluminum storm doors. The first floor window in the mudroom addition is 8/8. The openings in the gable ends are vented.

The roof is standing seam metal. A parged brick chimney projects off-center from the main gable ridge. A second chimney runs up inside the back wall of the ell.

The interior of the 1600 sq. ft. house has been stripped, as though it was to undergo a complete renovation, but the process was arrested after interior demolition. The floors are 2" yellow pine, with vinyl in the kitchen and concrete in the mudroom. Some trim and doors remain. The interior doors are of a simple, two-panel configuration, except the door between the mudroom and kitchen which is hollow luan. The interior stair balustrade is of square baluster stock with a molded railing. Although almost all the plaster has been removed, it had been applied over expanded metal lath. Visible along the front wall is fiberboard sheathing under the siding.

¹ Tax assessment records give the date of construction of primary structure as 1905.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates unknown

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SUMMARY:

While the exact date of construction of 9503 Fingerboard Road has not been determined, it is presumed that the house was erected during Fairfax family ownership, approximately 100 years ago. It is named for the Foreman family, African-Americans who owned the house for most of the 20th century. This house follows the construction patterns of some of the Centerville Survey District dwellings. There is no indication this property is eligible for the NR, according to NR criteria, when considered under its own merits. In the unlikely event the survey district would be determined eligible for National Register listing (properties have been demolished since it was surveyed), and the boundaries of that district extended, however, this house could be considered contributing to the character of that district.

Significance:

While the exact date of construction of 9503 Fingerboard Road has not been determined, based on its architectural styling and construction materials, it appears to be early 20th Century.

John Fairfax bought the land for \$120 in 1868 from Thomas Clagett and his wife Cynthia. These two acres were at the NW end of Lot No. 3, and part of "Daniel's Small Tract," and were located between land sold to James O. John and Gamaliel [sp. ?] Easterday and the public road leading from Urbana to New Market.²

Mr. Urner Rollins and his wife Altie M. Rollins had purchased the two-acre parcel in 1927 from the daughters of John Fairfax, both of Baltimore City. Mr. Fairfax's 1894 will³ gives one acre of land to his wife Sarah Ann Fairfax and the improvements [assumed to mean the dwelling] to his daughter Laurane [Fairfax] Parker, and another acre to his other daughter Cordelia Fairfax Braxton. The daughters sold the two acre lots to Mr. and Mrs. Rollins within weeks of their mother's death in 1927.

John R. Foreman bought the property from Mr. Rollins, widower, in 1938. Mr. Foreman died in his residence in 1988, on his 93 birthday.⁴ Mr. Foreman had owned the property for 50 years, having purchased it with his first wife, Nellie V. Foreman⁵ who subsequently predeceased him in 1963. He left a life estate to his wife, Bertha V. Foreman, and his daughter, Margaret Foreman, and instructed his estate be shared among his 14 children and their heirs⁶. At the age of 74, Mrs. Bertha Foreman died in 1997.⁷

² Liber CM No. 2, Folio 258.

³ Liber J.K.W. No. 1, Folio 193.

⁴ Mr. Foreman's obituary says October 15, 1895-October 15, 1988.

⁵ Ibid. Obituary gives different middle name as Nellie Bowie Foreman, compared to Land Records.

⁶ Ibid. 37 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren, and 13 great, great grandchildren.

⁷ The property was part of a Civil Court Case in 2003.

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John R. Foreman, Sr.'s obituary indicates that not only was Mr. Foreman an accomplished cook, but also foreman for the Grove Lime Kiln Company⁸, as well as a building contractor for 15 years before he retired. As a contractor, Mr. Foreman may have been responsible for the various renovations to the property, such as the addition and siding, especially since he had workshop space in the outbuildings behind his home. He was an active member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church just up the road, and buried in that cemetery with a brass plaque on a gravestone mentioning his WWII service. His children likely attended the Ebenezer School⁹ in a log building close to the Church near the crossroads leading to Ijamsville.

J. Fairfax, and the Rollins and Easterday surnames are seen on the 1873 Atlas of Frederick County¹⁰ along the row of dwellings that was later to become the community of Centerville.¹¹ This name assumedly stems from its location within walking distance midway between the predominantly white settlements of Ijamsville (flour mill, slate and shale quarries) and Urbana. Centerville is a recognized African-American settlement with both log and frame dwellings, some of which date to the post-Civil War era.

While the exact date of construction of 9503 Fingerboard Road has not been determined, it is presumed that the house was erected during Fairfax ownership, after the turn of the 20th century. The Foreman family was African-American, and it is presumed that the Rollins and Fairfax families¹² were too, as homes owned by those families were tightly clustered within the Centerville group. The Easterday properties are at a bit of a distance. This house follows the construction patterns of some for the Centerville Survey District (F-7-38) dwellings. There is no indication this property is eligible for the NR, according to NR criteria, when considered under its own merits. In the unlikely event the survey district would be determined eligible for National Register listing (properties have been demolished since it was surveyed), and the boundaries of that district extended, however, this house could be considered contributing to the character of that district.

⁸ According to Janet Davis, researcher and Frederick County HPC staff, the Grove Lime Company is the lime kiln operator that gave Lime Kiln, the village, its name.

⁹ Both the church and school were considered community institutions, according to Karen Black in "Historic Hotspot in Urbana is new school's namesake," Gazette Community News, p. A-5. The local "colored" elementary school was in operation by 1916, according to a Frederick County Auditor's report cited by Erickson, p. 14, and it operated until at least the mid 20th century.

¹⁰ Lake, D.J. Lake, Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, (Philadelphia: C.O. Titus & Co. 1873), plate 25.

¹¹ Community is so named by 1919, as seen on the USGS map of the period.

¹² The oldest grave adjacent to Ebenezer U.M. Church is that of Charlotte Fairfax who died in 1872. Marie Anne Erickson, "Centerville," Frederick Magazine, July 1992, p. 22.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Base Map of Frederick County from U.S. Geological Survey Sheets Williams-Webb Co., 1919

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name USGS Urbana Quad

Quadrangle scale:

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is a narrow and deep 2-acre parce, roughly a parallelogram in shape, on the south east side of Fingerboard Road, aka Rt 80, south of Centerville Road. Its west side is 204' along the R.O.W., the north side is 930 feet deep, the east side (rear of lot) is 154', and the south side bordering the farm field is 850'.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Lisa Wingate

organization

date 11/06

street & number

telephone

city or town

state MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Fairfax, John – will – Liber J.K.W. No. 1, Folio 193

Foreman, Bertha V. – obituary –

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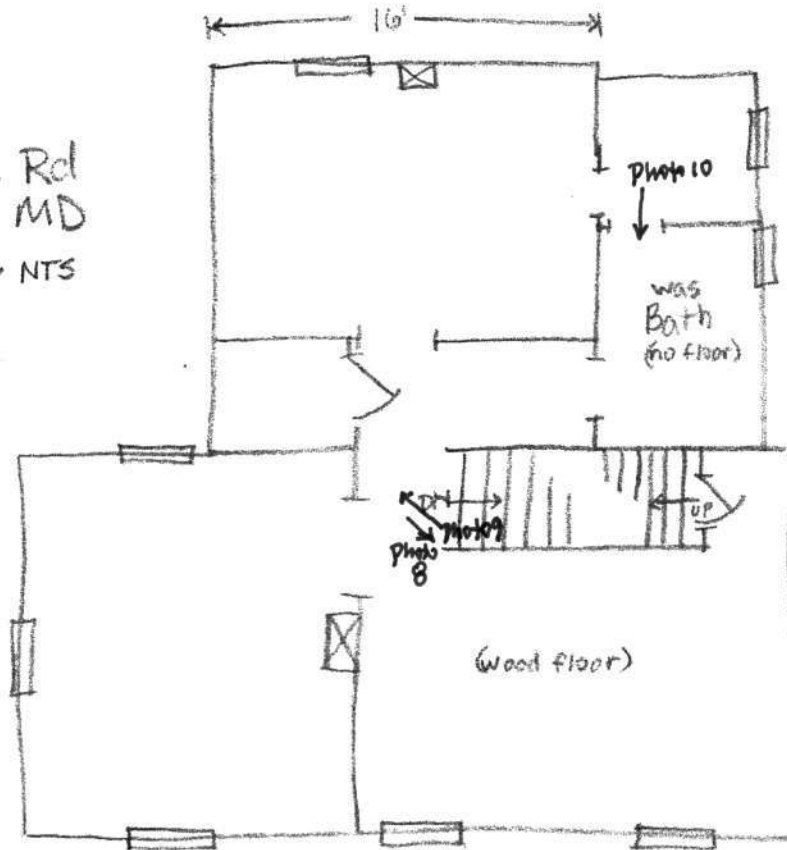
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Spawr, Michael. L. "What's in a Name; Ijamsville," The News. Frederick: 24 January 1979, p.E-6.

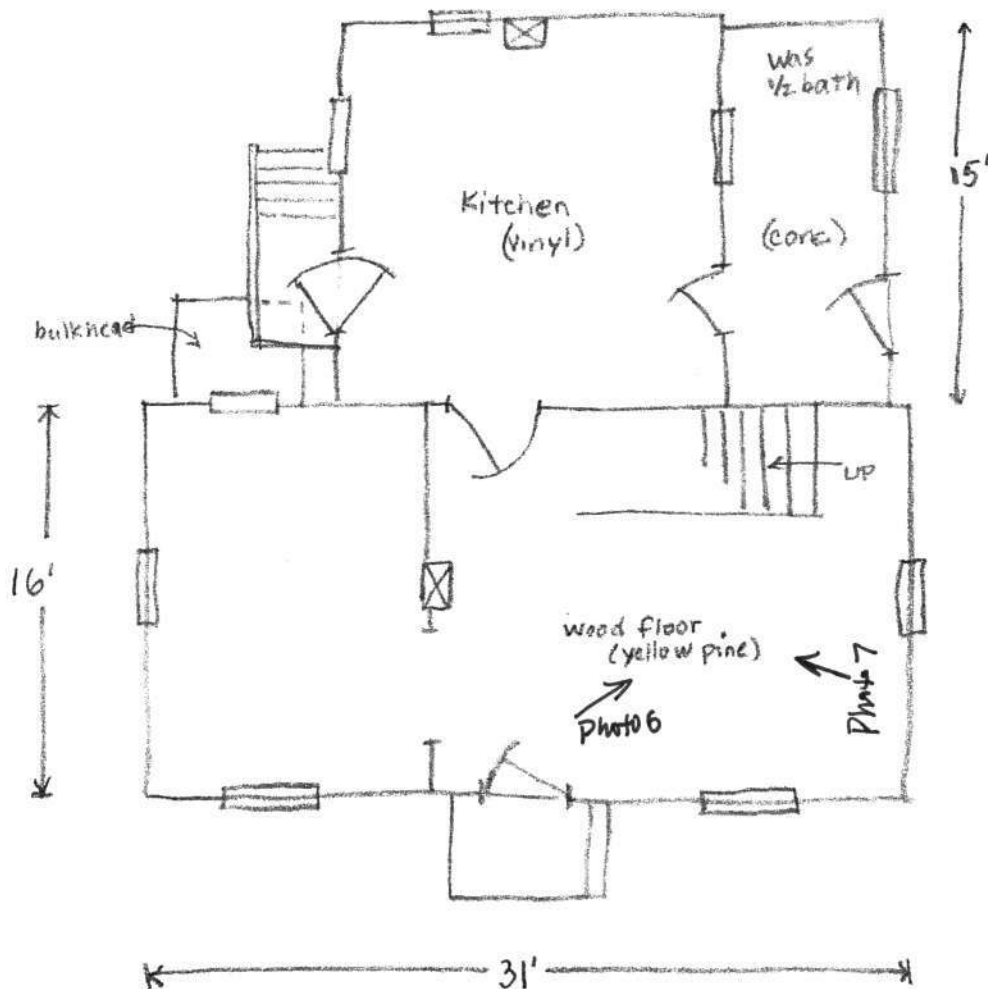
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9503

Fingerboard Rd
Ijamsville MD
Wingate 11/19/06 NTS



2nd Floor



1st Floor

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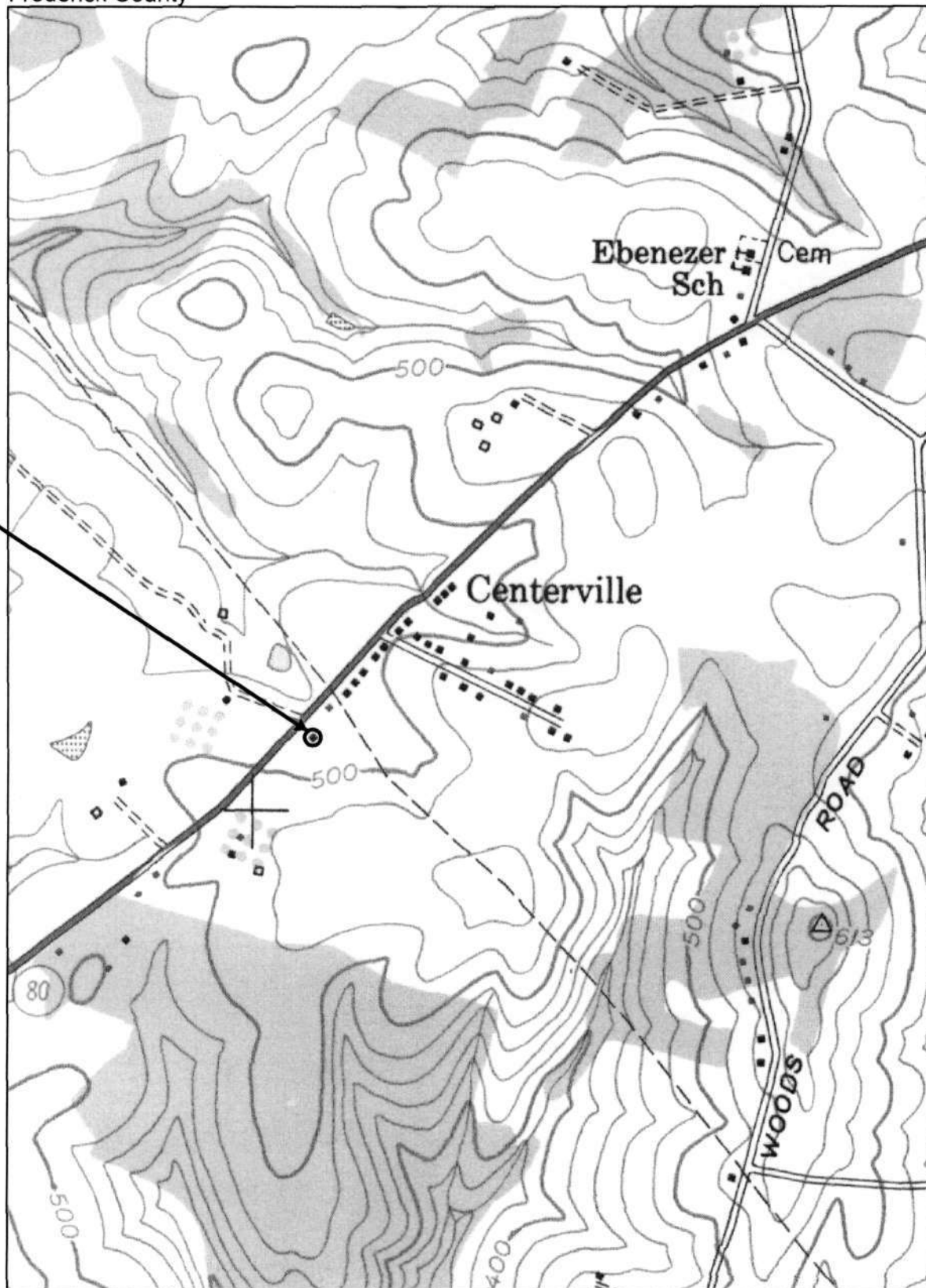
URBANA DIST. No. 7

Scale 15 inches to a mile



GEORGETOWN

F-7-143
Foreman House
9503 Fingerboard Road
Ijamsville
Urbana Quad
Frederick County





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9503 Fingerboard Rd

Ijamsville MD

L Wingate 10/06

MHT

Looking NE on Fingerboard Rd toward
Centerville

0330 NNNB 0004 12.11.96 NNNB ...



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9503 Fingerboard Rd

Ijamsville MD

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MHT

0350 NNNN 001 12.11.96 H01B . . .

House @ left

View looking South



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9503 Fingerboard Rd

Ijamsville MD

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MHT

0350 0000 014 12.11.06 0000

Front facade (NW elev)

3/11



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9503 Fingerboard Rd
Ijamsville, MD

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MHT

0350 0000 015 12.11.06 0000

West corner

Note: Rear infill and two outbuildings

4/11



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0.52 NNMC 002 12.11.06 NHHH

9503 Fingerboard Rd

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East corner of house; infill @ left
Kitchen door @ right of ell

Workshop outbuilding @ left
↳ concrete block covered w/ siding

5/11



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Inside front door looking south toward
Base of stair



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0030 NNNN 00.5 12.11.06 HEDB-----

Looking NE inside 1st floor
Front door @ left
Kitchen door @ right

7/11



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9503 Fingerboard Rd

Ijamsville MD

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MHR

Top of staircase

8/11



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L Wingate 12/06

MHT

2nd floor hall looking toward back of house

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0.50 NNNN 0003 12.11.06 NNNN

Inside 2nd floor rear addition,
looking NW, and down through floor
@ SW corner of original house
Original German siding (shiplap) is exposed

10/11



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0.39 NNNN 012 12.11.96 NNNN

Rear shed/garage

Farm field beyond is next property to the south

11/11